

**VISIT**  
**MISSOURI**  
**STATE PARKS**  
**AND HISTORIC SHRINES**





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GOVERNOR

Dear Vacationer:

Please accept this folder as an invitation and guide for your visit to Missouri's Scenic State Parks. It describes briefly their beauty, location and facilities available for your family vacation.

The unsurpassed beauty and natural resources of Missouri's State Parks are enjoyed by visitors at all seasons . . . the hawthorn, dogwood, redbud and wild flowers in bloom in the spring . . . swimming, boating, camping and fishing in the summer . . . the riot of color in the flaming fall review. Winter, enrobed with a mantle of white, is of short duration.

The historic shrines and memorials have been dedicated to preserve our state's historic past by honoring such famous Missourians as Mark Twain, General John J. Pershing and former President Harry S. Truman.

The friendly people of our great state join me in wishing your visit to Missouri's Scenic State Parks will be a most pleasant one.

Sincerely yours,

*John M. Dalton*  
Governor

PLEASURE BOAT — TABLE ROCK STATE PARK  
CURRENT RIVER NEAR ROUND SPRING





Our park visitors will find a variety of recreational activities, which includes fishing, swimming and boating on many lakes and rivers, hiking and trail rides through the parks. Visits to our historic shrines and memorials will enrich your vacation memories.

The development in our state parks has given the park users a choice of overnight campgrounds, picnicking facilities, modern cabins, hotels, dining lodges, swimming pools and beaches. During this development program the cardinal rule of the conservation of trees and flowers was adhered to, thus state parks have retained their natural rustic character while furnishing modern conveniences.

Missouri's State Parks are under the jurisdiction of a six-man bipartisan State Park Board, which in turn employs a director to administer the department as well as the other needed employees who operate the various state parks. With the full support and cooperation of all park visitors, Missouri may achieve its goal in having the outstanding state park system in the nation.

This booklet was designed to serve as a guide to the entire Missouri State Park system. By proper use it can be a valuable adjunct to a most wonderful vacation or period of relaxation to one and all.

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# MISSOURI STATE PARKS







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NEW FISHING LAKE — BIG OAK TREE

◀ GROUP CAMP WATER FRONT — LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK

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FAMILY CAMPING — SAM A. BAKER

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**ALLEY SPRING STATE PARK** is located in Shannon County, 6 miles west of Eminence on State Highway 106. The outstanding feature in this park is the picturesque spring as it emerges as an underground stream from the base of a tree-covered cliff surging into a blue, clear pool. The spring branch races over the old mill dam and meanders through the 418-acre park to join Jack's Fork, world-famous as a smallmouth bass stream. The overnight campgrounds are located on both sides of the spring branch. Excellent swimming is provided in the clear, cool water of Jack's Fork. The old red mill, built in 1870, is a landmark in the community and stands on the bank of the spring pool. The grinding mechanism has been restored, and corn meal, ground by the old burrs, may be purchased by the public. Foot trails, for hiking and nature study, wind through the park, over the hills and along the stream. Wildlife will be found in abundance. A new concession building, housing shower, laundry and modern rest room facilities, is available.

**ARROW ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Saline County, 15 miles east of Marshall on State Highway 41. In this park you will see the old Arrow Rock Tavern; the old jail, the first built in the new West; the young ladies' Seminary, built in 1843; the home of George Caleb Bingham, the artist; and the old Santa Fe Spring. Picnicking and camping facilities, with tables and ovens, are provided in this 38-acre park.

**BABLER STATE PARK** is located 20 miles west of St. Louis on State Highway 109 off St. Louis County CC. This 2,400-acre tract was a gift to the State from Jacob L. Babler and Henry J. Babler of St. Louis as a memorial to their brother, Dr. Edmund A. Babler, a well-known Missouri physician and surgeon. It was laid out and developed under the supervision of many of America's best park and forestry authorities and is intended as a great playground for the St. Louis area. This park is not operated by the Missouri State Park Board.

**BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK** is not only one of the oldest but is the most popular park in the system. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cold water from the sixth largest spring in Missouri, with an average daily flow of 71,000,000 gallons. As the spring branch wanders through the picturesque valley to the Niangua River, the clear, cool water furnishes excellent rainbow trout fishing. The stream is stocked daily from the well-operated hatchery within the park. Bennett Spring State Park, consisting of 730 acres, is located 12 miles west of Lebanon on State Highway 64. The overnight campgrounds have been enlarged and a comfort station, complete with showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer, is available. Also, a house trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal has been added. Other facilities available are: dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature museum and swimming pool.

**BIG LAKE STATE PARK** is located in Holt County, 11 miles southwest of Mound City on State Highway 118. This park, consisting of 111 acres which adjoins a 625-acre oxbow lake, is popular among motorboat enthusiasts, canoeists, swimmers, fishermen, picnickers, and of late, iceboating. This partially timbered and level area contains a large picnic area, campgrounds, modern overnight cabins, store, new air-conditioned dining lodge, swimming pool, boat dock and boats.

**BIG OAK TREE STATE PARK**, containing 1,007 acres, 80 acres of which are in virgin timber, is located in Mississippi County on State Highway 102. This botanical garden contains



a number of the largest living specimens of big trees in America according to the American Forestry Association, such as: Green and Pumpkin Ash; Shellbark Hickory; Possumhaw Holly; Bur or Mossycup and Mutabilis Oaks; and Swamp Poplar. A 22-acre lake has been constructed to provide fishing. Fishing boats, concession stand, picnic tables, ovens and a shelter are provided for the day visitors.

**BIG SPRING STATE PARK**, consisting of 5,836 acres, is located in Carter County, 4 miles south of Van Buren on State Highway 103. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cool water gushing from the base of a high limestone bluff. It is considered the largest single outlet spring in the United States with a maximum flow of 846,000,000 gallons daily. The facilities in the park are numerous for picnicking, tent and trailer camping, nature trails, nature museum and naturalist, boating, public boat launching ramp, fishing, modern cabins, store and dining lodge. This park is bordered on the east by the clear, swift-flowing waters of the famous Current River. The campers will find a comfort station with showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer; a new shelter; and a house trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal available for their convenience. This park also has a 2,400-by-200-foot turf landing strip.

**BOONSLICK STATE PARK** is located on Howard County MM, 10 miles northeast of Boonville. This state park is being preserved as a historic site, one of the earliest centers of white men's activities in the interior of Missouri. Salt was made at Boonslick Spring as early as 1805 by Daniel M. Boone and Nathan Boone, the two sons of Daniel Boone. The salt was boated down the Missouri River to settlements and St. Louis. Facilities are available for picnicking and nature trails.

**CIVIL WAR BATTLE OF LEXINGTON STATE PARK.** Here is the site of the Battle of Lexington, more popularly known as the "Battle of the Hemp Bales," fought in and around the City of Lexington on September 18, 19 and 20, 1861, between

#### **EAST FORK OF BLACK RIVER — JOHNSON SHUT-INS**





#### **HISTORIC OLD RED MILL — ALLEY SPRING**

Major General Sterling Price of the Missouri State Guard and Colonel James A. Mulligan, Commander of Federal troops. The engagement ended in a victory for the South. Over a hundred years' weather has not erased the outline of the trenches. Neither has the plow turned this sod. The park is located in Lexington from U. S. Highway 24. The historic Anderson House is in this park.

**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located in Lafayette County, 1 mile north of Higginsville on State Highways 20 and 13. The memorial park area of the Old Confederate Soldiers' Home, consisting of 95 acres, is now maintained as a state park. The entire area, which will be preserved along with the cemetery, monuments and other commemorative items, is beautifully landscaped. Picnic tables and ovens are provided for the day users.

**CROWDER STATE PARK** is located in Grundy County, 2 miles west of Trenton on State Highway 6 and north on State Highway 146 to State Highway 128, and is in memorial to General Enoch H. Crowder. This park, consisting of 640 acres of very rugged terrain nestled in the green hills of northern Missouri, is outstanding. A man-made 20-acre lake provides swimming, fishing and boating. Picnicking and overnight camping are popular throughout the season as is the enclosed shelter. Camp Grand River, the organized group camp which has a capacity of 120, is one of the best liked and most modern of the sixteen in the state park system.



**CUIVRE RIVER STATE PARK** is located in Lincoln County, 5 miles east of Troy on State Highway 47. This heavily wooded park of 5,914 acres is interlaced with over 15 miles of foot trails providing excellent hiking and nature study. Big Sugar and Little Sugar Creeks wind through the area to find their way to Cuivre River, which is the western border of the park. It is rich in Indian lore — thirty-nine campsites, villages and mounds have been located within the boundaries. The park contains four organized group camps, Sherwood Forest, Derricotte, Cuivre and Frenchmans Bluff, which are heavily used by public non-profit organizations. The public use area is equipped for picnicking and overnight camping.

**FORT ZUMWALT STATE PARK**, containing 48 acres, is located in St. Charles County, 1 mile west of O'Fallon on Interstate Highway 70. The remains of the oldest hewn timber cabin north of the Missouri River may be seen here. It is also the site of a fort built in 1798 by Jacob Zumwalt. The U. S. Daughters of 1812 erected a monument at the entrance of the park to commemorate the scene of the first battle of the War of 1812 in Missouri. Overnight camping and picnicking facilities are available. A new enclosed shelter is now available by reservations only. This park is closed at 10 p.m. daily.

**GRAHAM CAVE STATE PARK** is located 2 miles west of Danville on Interstate Highway 70. The selection of the name of this park was due to the presence of a large sandstone cave named for an early settler, Robert Graham. The preliminary excavations conducted by the Missouri Archaeological Society and the University of Missouri were completed in 1954. Indian occupation of the cave has been placed at 7850 B.C., plus or minus 500, or approximately 10,000 years. This park is not open to the public as it is under construction.

**JOHNSON SHUT-INS STATE PARK** is located in the northeast corner of Reynolds County, 8 miles north of Lesterville on County M. The spectacular feature in this very rugged country is the picturesque shut-ins of the east fork of the Black River. Over eons of time the stream formed a canyon-like defile by cutting a gap through a shelf of the oldest exposed rock in Missouri. This 2,478-acre park will be left in its wilderness state with only facilities provided for picnicking, overnight camping and nature trails.

**KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK** is located in Johnson County at Knob Noster on U. S. Highway 50. This 3,441-acre tract is heavily wooded, and has many miles of nature trails built for those who enjoy hiking and nature study. The area abounds with deer and other wildlife. The two organized group camps, Shawnee and Bob White, are used by non-profit organizations during the camping season from April 15 to October 15. Several lakes have been built to provide swimming and fishing. Other facilities are: picnic tables, ovens, shelters and overnight campgrounds.

**LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK**, located near Osage Beach, is the largest in the Missouri State Park system, containing 16,335 acres. It has 89 miles of shore line and about 4,000 acres of water. The park includes most of the Grand Glaize Arm of the lake. Two public swimming and boat launching areas are provided. Public Beach No. 1 is located at the end of State Highway 134, and Public Beach No. 2, including enclosed shelter, is located ½ mile from U. S. Highway 54, 2 miles south of the Grand Glaize Bridge. Other available facilities in the park are abundant, such as: boating; fishing; picnicking; tent and



trailer camping; showers; modern rest rooms; coin-operated, automatic laundry equipment; horseback riding; nature trails; and the six organized group camps, Rising Sun, Clover Point, Hawthorn, Pin Oak, Red Bud and Pa He Tsi.

**LAKE WAPPAPELLO STATE PARK** consists of 1,854 acres of an area known as the Allison Peninsula on Lake Wappapello. The area is located approximately 12 miles north of Poplar Bluff on U. S. Highway 67 and 9 miles east on State Highway 172. The U. S. Corps of Engineers licensed this land to the Missouri State Park Board for the establishment of a state park. The lake provides excellent crappie, black bass and jack salmon fishing. Facilities available, other than fishing, are: swimming, boating and overnight tent and trailer camping. The modern comfort station has hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer.

**LEWIS & CLARK STATE PARK**, consisting of 61 acres, is 20 miles southwest of St. Joseph on U. S. Highway 59. This park is located on the southeast shore of Sugar Lake, which covers approximately 400 acres. Picnic facilities for day use and overnight campgrounds are available for visitors to the park. A large pan and game fish hatchery is located in the park, from which many northern Missouri streams and lakes are stocked.

**MARK TWAIN STATE PARK** is located in Monroe County, almost equal distance from Paris, Perry and Monroe City, on State Highway 107, and is a memorial to Mark Twain. This park consists of 1,192 acres of rough and tumble terrain. On the bluff overlooking the Salt River is hallowed ground, for here was born Samuel L. Clemens who brought literary fame to Missouri. There are overnight camping grounds, organized group camping, and a number of nature trails wind their way through the park. A new enclosed shelter has been constructed on Buzzard's Roost, and four housekeeping vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities.

**MERAMEC STATE PARK**, consisting of 7,153 acres, is located 4 miles east of Sullivan on State Highway 155. This park is the state's second largest and is one of the most scenic, with the Meramec River cutting through rough, timbered hills; some 20





#### SEA SCOUT REGATTA — LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK

caves, headed by the big Fisher's Cave, and a dozen or more small springs. Fisher's Cave is the first large cave discovered west of the Mississippi. The park is a game refuge, and deer may be seen frequently. Facilities are provided for fishing, swimming and boating on the Meramec River, a dining lodge, nature trails, cabins, picnicking, overnight camping grounds and complete trailer connections. A new modern comfort station has been constructed providing hot and cold showers and coin-operated laundry equipment for the convenience of the overnight campers. The nature museum, with new displays, is under the supervision of and serves as the headquarters for the park naturalist during the summer months.

MONTAUK STATE PARK, consisting of 846 acres, is located 21 miles southwest of Salem on State Highway 119 in Dent County. The clear, cold waters of Montauk Spring, flowing 40,000,000 gallons daily, emerge from the floor of a broad open valley enclosed by timbered slopes to form the headwaters of the Current River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring and the stream is kept well stocked with trout. An old grist mill, with all machinery intact, still stands on the bank of the river. The hotel, dining lodge, sleeping and housekeeping cabins are completely modern. In addition to fishing, this park is an ideal spot for nature study. A new overnight campground with modern rest room facilities, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment is now available. The picnic area has been enlarged, also.

PERSHING STATE PARK, consisting of 1,836 acres, is located 2 miles west of Laclede on U. S. Highway 36 in the woodland and prairie area of Linn County. This park is a memorial to General John J. Pershing, Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. The General's boyhood home in Laclede has been acquired by the State Park Board for preservation. The statue of the "War Angel" in the park was dedicated to all mothers of America in 1940 by the American War Mothers of Missouri. Excellent picnicking facilities with tables and ovens, overnight camping, organized group camping and nature trails are provided.

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## FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN

NAME ADDRESS	Acreage	Woods	Streams	Springs	Trout Fishing	Fishing	Swimming	Swimming Pool	Rent Dock
Alley Spring, Alley Spring, Mo.	418	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Arrow Rock, Arrow Rock, Mo.	38	✓		✓					
*Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial, Chesterfield, Mo.	2,400	✓	✓						
Bennett Spring, Lebanon, Mo.	730	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Big Lake, Bigelow, Mo.	111					✓	✓	✓	✓
Big Oak Tree, East Prairie, Mo.	1,007	✓							✓
Big Spring, Van Buren, Mo.	5,836	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Boonslick, Boonesboro, Mo.	17			✓					
Civil War Battle of Lexington, Lexington, Mo.	77								
Confederate Memorial, Higginsville, Mo.	95	✓				✓			
Crowder, Trenton, Mo.	640	✓				✓	✓		
Cuivre River, Troy, Mo.	5,914	✓	✓			✓			
Fort Zumwalt, O'Fallon, Mo.	48	✓							
**Graham Cave, Mineola, Mo.	200								
Johnson Shut-ins, Middle Brook, Mo.	2,478	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Knob Noster, Knob Noster, Mo.	3,441	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Lake of the Ozarks, Kaiser, Mo.	16,335	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Lake Wappapello, Poplar Bluff, Mo.	1,854	✓				✓	✓		✓
Lewis & Clark, Rushville, Mo.	61					✓	✓		
Mark Twain, Stoutsville, Mo.	1,192	✓	✓			✓			
Meramec, Sullivan, Mo.	7,153	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Montauk, Salem, Mo.	846	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pershing, Laclede, Mo.	1,836	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Pomme de Terre, Hermitage, Mo.	364	✓				✓	✓		✓
Roaring River, Cassville, Mo.	2,988	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Round Spring, Round Spring, Mo.	75	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Sam A. Baker, Patterson, Mo.	4,898	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Table Rock, Branson, Mo.	552	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓
Thousand Hills, Kirksville, Mo.	3,152	✓				✓	✓		✓
Trail of Tears, Cape Girardeau, Mo.	3,256	✓	✓	✓					
Van Meter, Miami, Mo.	727	✓							
Wakonda, LaGrange, Mo.	257						✓		
Wallace, Cameron, Mo.	160	✓				✓			
Washington, DeSoto, Mo.	1,101	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
**Watkins Mill, Kearney, Mo.	780								

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DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ARE POSTED IN ALL STATE PARKS INDICATING

*Keep Missouri Beautiful*



# Missouri's Scenic State Parks''

## N MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS

Boat Dock	Boating	Store	Hotel	Cabins	Nature Trails	Dining Lodge	Saddle Horses	Group Camps	Lake	Tent or Trailer Camping	House Trailer Connections	ACCESSIBILITY
		✓		✓	✓					✓		From Hwy. 19 - On Hwy. 106
						✓				✓		From Interstate 70 - On Hwy. 41
		✓			✓		✓					From Co. Hwy. CC - On Hwy. 109
		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	From Hwy. 64
✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		On Hwy. 118
✓					✓				✓			On Hwy. 102
	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	From U. S. Hwy. 60 - On Hwy. 103
					✓							From Hwy. 87 - On Co. Hwy. MM
												From U. S. Hwy. 24
									✓			On Hwys. 20 and 13
					✓			✓	✓	✓		From Hwy. 6 - On Hwy. 146
					✓			✓		✓		From Hwy. 47 - On Hwy. 147
										✓		On Interstate 70
												From Interstate 70
					✓					✓		From Hwy. 21 - On Co. Hwy. M
					✓			✓	✓	✓		From U. S. Hwy. 50 - On Hwy. 132
✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		From U. S. Hwy. 54 - On Hwy. 134
✓	✓								✓	✓		From U. S. Hwy. 67 - On Hwy. 172
	✓								✓	✓		On U. S. Hwy. 59
				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		From Hwy. 154 - On Hwy. 107
	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	From U. S. Hwy. 66 - On Hwy. 155
		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		From U. S. Hwy. 32 - On Hwy. 119
					✓			✓	✓	✓		From U. S. Hwy. 36 - On Hwy. 130
✓	✓	✓							✓	✓		On Hwy. 64
		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		On Hwy. 112
	✓	✓								✓		On Hwy. 19
	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		From Hwy. 34 - On Hwy. 143
✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	5 Mi. W. Branson - From Hwy. 76
✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		From Hwy. 6 - On Hwy. 157
	✓								✓	✓	✓	On Co. Hwy. V
					✓					✓		From Hwy. 41 - On Hwy. 122
									✓	✓		On U. S. Hwy. 61
					✓				✓	✓		From U. S. Hwy. 69 - On Hwy. 121
		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		On Hwy. 21
												From U. S. Hwy. 69 - On Co. Hwy. MM

ATING THESE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND THEIR LOCATIONS.

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POMME DE TERRE STATE PARK is located in Hickory County, 5 miles south of Hermitage on State Highway 64. The 364 acres in this new park lie between the Pomme de Terre River and the Lindley Creek Arms of the lake. This new reservoir has 7,800 acres of water and over 100 miles of shore line. Available facilities consist of a modern boat dock with rental boats, outboard motors for fishing or skiing, boat launching ramp, restaurant, swimming, camping and picnicking accommodations.

ROARING RIVER STATE PARK, consisting of 2,988 acres, is located 7 miles south of Cassville on State Highway 112 in the most beautiful part of the Ozarks, and, except for the river valley, is rugged, mountainous and well timbered. The huge spring, which is the beginning of Roaring River, gushes 28,000,000 gallons of clear, cold water into the channel of Roaring River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring, and the river is well stocked with trout at all times. The overnight campgrounds have been enlarged. Also available is a new comfort station with shower and laundry facilities. Camp Smokey is available to non-profit organizations for group camping. Other facilities available are: hotel, dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature trails, swimming pool and riding stable.

ROUND SPRING STATE PARK, consisting of 75 acres, is located 12 miles north of Eminence on State Highway 19. The chief attraction of the park is the well-like spring after which it is named. Its average flow is 26,500,000 gallons daily, and it is the only spring in Missouri that has formed its own natural bridge. The spring is without sign of current, and it is usually clear or milky blue in color. Water from the spring emerges in a spring branch, which speeds picturesquely under a footbridge, through a grove to the Current River about 1,000 feet away. This park is an idyllic spot for campers and picnickers. Facilities available are: fishing, swimming, boating, nature trails, store, overnight campgrounds, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, and playground equipment for the youngsters. The new concession building houses modern rest rooms, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment.





**SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK**, consisting of 4,898 acres, is located 3 miles north of Patterson on State Highway 143 in Wayne County, the birthplace of Sam A. Baker, former Governor of Missouri. On your first visit to this park, you will be struck by the beauty of nature's own landscaping from the summit of beautiful Mudlick Mountain, the bluffs and shut-ins along Big Creek and the swift, clear waters of the St. Francis River. Wildlife will be found in abundance in the park, and may be seen from numerous nature trails in the area. This park has become a popular family vacation spot, and the park's facilities have been designed for family accommodations. Available facilities are: swimming, a well-equipped kiddies' playground, cabins, dining lodge, nature trails, overnight campgrounds, picnicking and store. The coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer are located in the cabin area.

**TABLE ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Stone and Taney Counties, 5 miles west of Branson from State Highway 76 on State Highway 165. This area, consisting of 552 acres on Table Rock Reservoir, is licensed from the U. S. Corps of Engineers. It is situated in the heart of the Shepherd of the Hills country near inspiration point where Harold Bell Wright camped to write his famous novel about the Hills' people. Facilities available are: two boat docks (one for fishing and the other for recreation); a large concrete boat launching ramp; swimming; picnicking; an overnight campground complete with modern comfort station, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a house trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal.

**THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK**, consisting of 3,152 acres, is located 4 miles west of Kirksville from State Highway 6. This park is located in the beautiful green hills of northern Missouri and has for its principal feature the large man-made 703-acre lake. It has a 17-mile shore line and provides such water sports as motor boating (outboards only — 18 h.p. maximum), water skiing, surfboards, paddleboats, rowboats, swimming and fishing. The lake is stocked with crappie, bluegill, channel cat, black bass and jack salmon. The facilities available are: enclosed shelter,

#### **SPRING BRANCH — BENNETT SPRING**



bathhouse and bathing beach, a well-supplied boathouse, boat dock, launching ramp for boats, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, open shelters and playground equipment for the youngsters. The large overnight campground is equipped with modern rest rooms, hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer. Five new modern vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities.

**TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK** is located in Cape Girardeau County on the limestone bluffs overlooking the mighty Mississippi. This park, consisting of 3,256 acres, was a gift to the State of Missouri by the residents of Cape Girardeau County, the first by any political subdivision. The park contains a portion of the route known as "The Trail of Tears" used by the Cherokee Indians in their forced march from Tennessee to Oklahoma. Among the many who died was Princess Otahki, whose grave is now marked with a memorial monument. A dense and healthy stand of trees cover the area, which contains many fine specimens of American beech, tulip, winged elm, Spanish oak and dogwood. Facilities available are: picnicking; nature trails; an overnight campground complete with modern comfort station, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a house trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal.

**VAN METER STATE PARK**, consisting of 727 acres, is located 14 miles northwest of Marshall. This park offers excellent facilities for picnicking and camping, and a playground for kiddies is conveniently located in the main picnic area. The park is made distinctive by a thick growth of walnut trees and other flora. Indian remains date from early man cultures (10,000 B.C.) to the Historic Missouri Indian. Archaic Indian cultures are in evidence up to Early Woodland cultures. The Middle Woodland culture (Hopewell) built the "Old Fort," the only known earthworks of this kind west of the Mississippi. The Missouri Indians, after whom the State is named, lived in the area from early 1600 into the historic era and was at one time the most concentrated Indian occupation in the United States. The site is being used for the Missouri University's "Summer Field Session in Archaeological Research."

**WAKONDA STATE PARK**, located 3 miles south of LaGrange on U. S. Highway 61, consists of 257 acres of land, 75 acres of which are in lakes. These lakes will provide fishing in the future. Swimming, camping and picnicking facilities are available in this new park.

**WALLACE STATE PARK**, consisting of 160 acres, is located 6 miles south of Cameron on State Highway 121 in Clinton County. This park is an excellent example of how a regional recreation area can well serve a community. The enclosed shelter, as well as open shelters, is very popular and is almost in constant use. This well-kept area also furnishes ideal picnicking facilities, excellent equipped playgrounds for the youngsters, fishing in a small lake, overnight camping, an area set aside for boy and girl scouts' overnights, and nature trails have been laid out through the rough parts of the park for hikers and nature students.

**WASHINGTON STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,101 acres, is located 14 miles southwest of DeSoto. Although it is not one of the state's larger parks, it is favored by many for its secluded setting, its excellent picnicking and camping sites, and its fine fishing and swimming in Big River. In addition, this park contains a concentration of hundreds of petroglyphs (prehistoric carvings in stone). Thunderbirds and other symbolic figures are



interpreted for the public. A kiddies' playground and a parking lot are in front of the dining lodge. A baseball diamond and the picnic area are to the east along the river. To the west, foot trails lead along the river to a cave and to the bluffs overlooking the river. Also, there are cabins, shelter houses, overnight campgrounds and a nature museum provided.

WATKINS MILL STATE PARK is located 6½ miles north of Excelsior Springs on U. S. Highway 69 and 1½ miles east on Clay County MM. The primary attraction in this park is the 1860 woolen mill constructed and equipped by Waltus L. Watkins. The mill operation was closed down in the 1880's, but most of the furnishings remain in place. The Watkins home and cemetery, which help to complete the early Missouri plantation, are also included in the park. This park is not open to the public as it is under construction.

## HISTORIC SHRINES AND MEMORIALS

The ANDERSON HOUSE, which is in the Civil War Battle of Lexington State Park, overlooks the battlefield and was used as a field hospital during and after the battle. The limestone foundation, the slave-made bricks and the walnut wood interior are wonderfully preserved. Bullets and cannon balls left their mark on both inside and outside walls of the house. The Anderson House is being restored and beautifully furnished with authentic period originals. It is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., C.S.T. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., C.S.T., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m., C.S.T. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25c — Over 12, 50c.

ARROW ROCK TAVERN was built about 1830 by Judge Joseph Huston, and is furnished with antique furniture of the period which the old tavern represents. Excellent meals are served in the newly remodeled and air-conditioned dining room, and is listed as one of the better places in the Midwest to eat. Arrow Rock Tavern is located in Arrow Rock State Park. The tavern is maintained by the Missouri State Park Board and operated by the Missouri Society of the D. A. R. The tavern is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's and Christmas Days. The hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., C.S.T., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., C.S.T. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25c — Over 12, 50c.

MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE is located in Mark Twain State Park. The shrine, of modern design and built of steel, concrete and native Missouri stone, with large glass gables to allow a bit of Twain's beloved outdoors to penetrate the rooms and cast their glow over the small two-room frame cottage in which he was born November 30, 1835, contains not only the home in which he was born, but a modern museum displaying many of his personal belongings. Exhibits interpret his life, his experiences and his literary works. Missouri's native son, Mark Twain, became the world's best loved author and humorist, cheering and comforting a tired world. This shrine is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., C.S.T. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from



*Spring,*

*Summer,*

*Autumn*







INDIAN SUMMER — THOUSAND HILLS

◀ DOGWOOD AND SPRING BRANCH — MONTAUK

PUBLIC BEACH No. 1 — LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK





12 noon to 6 p.m., C.S.T., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m., C.S.T. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25c — Over 12, 50c.

**GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING BOYHOOD HOME MEMORIAL SHRINE** is located in Laclede, 1 mile north of U. S. Highway 36 on State Highway 5. The house, of Rural Gothic architecture, was built in 1858 and is one of the very few of this design west of the Mississippi. The restored house is decorated and furnished in the period 1860-1880. Most of the furniture is handcrafted of walnut. One room of the 11-room structure houses a museum interpreting the life of "Black Jack," General of the Armies John J. Pershing. This shrine is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., C.S.T. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., C.S.T., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m., C.S.T. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25c — Over 12, 50c.

**HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE**, located in Lamar, has been completely restored and redecorated. Furnishings of the period when Mr. Truman was born have been acquired. The United Automobile Workers, who purchased the property and donated it to the State for the creation of a shrine, have erected a monument on the southeast corner of the property bearing the inscription, "I ask only to be force for good for my God and my people," as a tribute to the 32nd President of the United States. This shrine is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., C.S.T. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., C.S.T., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m., C.S.T. This shrine is open to the general public free.

## FACTS PERTAINING TO MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS

Acreage in State Park System .....	72,893
Number of maintained buildings .....	1,172
Acres of man-made lakes .....	927
Miles of shore line on Lake of the Ozarks .....	89
Miles of major streams bordering or flowing through parks .....	43
Miles of maintained park roads .....	156
Number of organized group camps .....	16
Group camp capacity .....	2,362
Number of group camper days in the 1963 season..	168,257
Number of park visitors in 1963 .....	8,680,618
Number of people using overnight campgrounds in 1963 .....	653,300
The State Flower .....	Hawthorn
The State Tree .....	Dogwood
The State Bird .....	Bluebird
Approximate blooming date for Redbud .....	April 15
Approximate blooming date for Dogwood .....	April 25
Height of flaming fall review .....	October 15-25



# MISSOURI STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

**CAMPING** is permitted in most State Parks, but only in the place assigned by the superintendent, with a limit of 15 consecutive days. Demand a signed receipt for all camping fee payments. Any of the following groups is considered to be a "camp unit" and must register and pay required fee (see schedule below).

- (a) A single tent occupying one unit site.
- (b) Two connected tents occupying only one unit site and used by only ONE family.
- (c) A single trailer equipped to be lived or slept in.
- (d) A single car, truck, bus or other vehicle used for living or sleeping quarters.
- (e) A sleeping bag, hammock or similar device used for sleeping with no other shelter.

(RESERVATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR TENT OR TRAILER CAMPING. WATER AND SANITARY FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER 15 TO APRIL 15.)

Fee—\$1.00 per night per camping unit:

Alley Spring	Knob Noster	Meramec	Round Spring	Trail of Tears
Bennett Spring	Lake of the Ozarks	Montauk	Table Rock	
Big Spring	Lake Wappapello	Roaring River	Thousand Hills	

Fee—75c per night per camping unit:

Arrow Rock	Cuivre River	Lewis & Clark	Pomme de Terre	Wakonda
Big Lake	Fort Zumwalt	Mark Twain	Sam A. Baker	Wallace
Big Oak Tree	Johnson Shut-ins	Pershing	Van Meter	Washington
Crowder				

In a few parks there are modern trailer hookups, and at those facilities the fee will be \$1.50 per trailer per day. This fee is applicable in Bennett Spring, Big Spring, Meramec, Table Rock and Trail of Tears State Parks. At other parks where trailers are furnished an electric service connection, the fee will be \$1.25 per trailer per day.

**FIREWOOD** in all state parks will be sold at the rate of 25c per bundle. Wood lot hours are posted in each park.

**DOGS, CATS, STOCK, POULTRY**, or any other domestic animals are not permitted to range within the park at any time. Pets are permitted only when on leash, said leash not to be more than ten (10) feet in length.

**FIRECRACKERS OR FIREWORKS** are absolutely prohibited at all times.

**FIRES** may be built only in the ovens, stoves or rings provided by the State Park Board, and must be extinguished before leaving the area. No camp fires will be permitted in the overnight camp areas after 10:00 p.m. (C.S.T.). Fires may be prohibited entirely by the posting of special signs.

**HORSES** are permitted only in designated areas and are not permitted in the camping area, picnic area, or other public use areas. Horses are to have a rider on them or the horse is to be tied in a designated area.

**HUNTING AND FISHING.** No person shall pursue, catch, kill, or take any wildlife in any manner, or in any quantity or at any time or place, except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Missouri Conservation Commission. The possession of a firearm shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this regulation.

**SWIMMING** is permitted only in designated places and only at swimmer's risk. Swimming is also restricted to hours between sunrise and sunset.

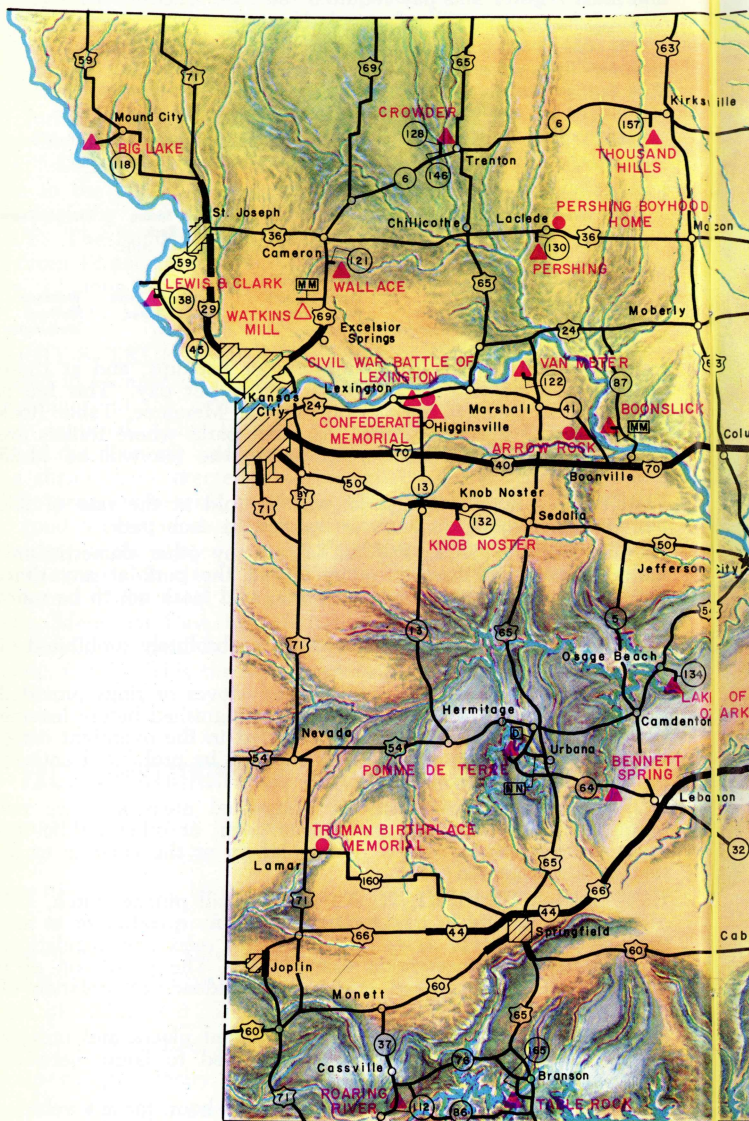
**SPEED LIMIT** not in excess of 20 miles per hour, for any vehicle. These regulations are intended to protect the rights and interests of all park patrons, and should be observed in the spirit of consideration for others.

Any person violating any rule or regulation adopted by the State Park Board or any law while within the confines of any State Park shall be subject to prosecution under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Adopted this 6th day of December, 1963, pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 253, Missouri Revised Statutes, 1959.

MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD

Dining lodges and cabins in Bennett Spring, Montauk and Roaring River State Parks open March 1 and close October 31. The opening date in other parks with cabins April 15 and closing date October 31.



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